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SUBJECT: POLAND-NATO/GEORGIA: GOP AN ACTIVE PROPONENT OF OCTOBER NAC VISIT TO GEORGIA

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Classified By: PolCouns Mary T. Curtin, reasons 1.4(b)&(d)

¶1. (C) On the margins of September 6-7 U.S.-Polish Missile Defense negotiations, Pol External Chief shared reftel points on the NAC visit to Georgia (including points intended for "cool" and cold" posts) with MFA Security Policy Director Robert Kupiecki, who fully agreed with the U.S. position that the visit should go forward in October. Kupiecki also indicated that the GOP would be doing its own lobbying for the trip to go forward. Talking points were also conveyed to the Americas division.

¶2. (C) COMMENT. Although reftel did not describe the Polish position in the NATO debate in Brussels, we judge the Polish government to be a strong advocate in this case. The GOP has been an active partner for Georgia regionally and internationally, both in advocating Georgia's integration into the Euro-Atlantic security architecture and in supporting the GOG in the face of pressure and/or intimidation from Russia. Polish President Kaczynski talks often with Georgian President Saakashvili, who has visited Poland three times in the past two years, and GOP officials from cabinet level down to action officers in MOD and MFA have regular contact with their Georgian counterpart.

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